on March 12, 1995. There are no issues on which India had desired to seek a modification but failed to achieve it.

India's Participation in the World Summit for Social Development

2464. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen (Denmark) early this month; and

(b) if so, how far this Summit attempted to resolve three of the major socio-economic problems plaguing the developing and the under developed nations, namely poverty, unemployment and social disintegration and environment, and generate resources for human development?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Summit, marks the comencement of a changed international agenda for creation of a new society. The Copenhagen Declaration adopted at the, conclusion of the Summit, contains ten commitments undertaken for the common pursuit of social development, aimed at social justice, solidarity, harmony and equality within and among countries. These pertain inter-alia, to creation of an enabling economic, political, social, cultural and legal environment; eradication of poverty; goal of full employment; promotion of social integration; education, health and culture; increasing resources allocated for social development; and improvement of international cooperation to attain these objectives. In the Programme of action detailed plans have been spelled out, both at the national and international levels, with a view to implementing the above commitments. India hopes that the Summit will reinvigorate international cooperation including generation of financial resources, in implementing the far-reaching decisions of the Summit.

Improvement in Bilateral Ties with China

2465. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve bilateral ties with China;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in that regard; and

(c) the response of the Government of China thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Goverment have continued their efforts to establish a long term, stable and good neighbourly relationship with China. The momentum of high level political dialogue between the two countries has been maintained. Steps have been taken to give more economic-technological content to the relationship. In 1994, agreements on avoidance of double taxation and resumption of banking relations were signed to facilitate the further growth of trade and investment links. Cooperation between the two countries has expanded to new areas such as petroleum, coal, health and medicines, iron and steel, civil aeronautics, which have a significant technology content. Cultural exchanges have been promoted under a bilateral cultural exchange programme. Initiatives in the cultural field include holding of a Festival of India in China and a Festival of China in India.

The two countries have continued their discussions in the Joint Working Group (JWG) to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question. An agreement on the maintenance of peace and tranquillity along the line of actual control was signed during the Prime Minister's visit to China in September 1993. Implementation measures under this